



Connecticut Business & Industry Association

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Good Morning Senator LeBeau, Representative Berger and other members of the Commerce Committee. My name is Jesmin Basanti, Staff Attorney for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 member companies in virtually every industry and the vast majority of our member companies have fewer than 50 employees.

CBIA has always supported measures that promote economic development and awareness of our business climate in Connecticut. For these reasons we support the following bills:

- **SB 495 – An Act Concerning an Affordable Business Climate; and**
- **HB 5318 – An Act Establishing a Task Force on Connecticut's Business Climate.**

Businesses in Connecticut have been burdened by unnecessary regulations for too long. CBIA supports finding ways to eliminate or streamline the current state-imposed requirements both regulatory and administrative. Furthermore, any measure that state government can take to help small businesses and the state itself become more cost-effective will not only foster good will but will allow businesses to expand, to create more jobs for people in this state and stimulate economic growth.

We look forward to continue working with the committee to ensure the economic vitality of business in Connecticut. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to testify today and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.